

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from California [Mr. BERMAN].

(Mr. BERMAN asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the chairman of the committee and my colleagues, the gentleman from New York, Mr. OWENS, and the gentleman from Missouri, BILL CLAY, for all of their help in bringing us to this point. I want to make a few comments.

This bill is a very different bill than the bill that was originally introduced or the bill that came out of the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunity, or whatever that committee is now called. There are a couple of points to make.

First of all, Mr. Speaker, my colleague from Virginia kept talking about the Adams Fruit decision as if it was wrong, because State law somehow would, because State law somehow would preempt Federal law; that is the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act. The court decision was the recognition, everyone knows, that Federal law preempts State law.

On the other hand, Mr. Speaker, there were many weaknesses in that Federal law and some of which we have addressed. This is no longer a bill that allows a grower in a State which has no coverage for farm workers or only partial coverage for farm workers or only voluntary coverage for farm workers to avoid workers compensation and also to immunize himself from any lawsuit. That particular issue has been affected and dealt with through the amendments.

It is also no longer a bill which leaves the inadequate penalty structures of the existing Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act, because, in the context of this particular Congress, and in this situation, this seemed to me like, and others, like the best possible arrangement that we could get in terms of the two different needs.

Mr. Speaker, I support this compromise and urge its adoption.

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BERMAN. I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, we are called the Golden Opportunity Committee.

Mr. BERMAN. I assume golden not having any reference to age?

Mr. GOODLING. Grimes Golden, Golden Delicious.

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his correction of my earlier remarks and yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. RIGGS). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Penn-

sylvania [Mr. GOODLING] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1715, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 1715, a bill to reverse the Supreme Court's decision on *Adams Fruit versus Barrett*.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

#### HARRY KIZIRIAN POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1606) to designate the United States Post Office building located at 24 Corliss Street, Providence, RI, as the "Harry Kizirian Post Office Building."

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1606

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

##### SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

The United States Post Office building located at 24 Corliss Street, Providence, Rhode Island, shall be known and designated as the "Harry Kizirian Post Office Building".

##### SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the United States Post Office building referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Harry Kizirian Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York [Mr. MCHUGH] and the gentlewoman from Michigan [Miss COLLINS] each will be recognized for 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York [Mr. MCHUGH].

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight voted favorably on the measure before us. Congressman REED of Rhode Island introduced H.R. 1606 and was joined by his State delegation in cosponsoring his bill, as required by committee policy. This legislation designates the main U.S. Post Office in Providence, RI, be named the "Harry Kizirian Post Office."

The measure before us honors Mr. Kizirian, a World War II marine veteran and former Providence Postmaster. Mr. Kizirian is Rhode Island's most decorated living veteran and was a career postal worker who held the position of Providence Postmaster for 25 years until his retirement.

Mr. Speaker, I urge our colleagues to support H.R. 1606, a bill which would name a Post Office after the postal employee who served as Postmaster at the facility for 25 years.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Miss COLLINS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I again join my colleague and chairman of the Subcommittee on the Postal Service in support of H.R. 1606, legislation naming the U.S. Post Office, located at 24 Corliss Street in Providence, RI as the, "Harry Kizirian Post Office Building."

It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge Mr. Kizirian. He retired from the Post Office as the Postmaster of the facility being named after him and is the most decorated World War II veteran in Providence.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to my colleague, the gentleman from Rhode Island, Mr. JACK REED, sponsor of the bill.

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I would first like to thank Chairman MCHUGH and the ranking member, Representative COLLINS of the Subcommittee on Postal Service and Chairman CLINGER of the Government Reform and Oversight Committee for helping me bring this bill to the floor. I would also like to thank my colleague from Rhode Island, Mr. KENNEDY, who cosponsored this bill with me, and Senators CHAFFEE and PELL, who have introduced an identical bill in the Senate.

This bill would designate the main U.S. Post Office in Providence, RI, as the "Harry Kizirian Post Office." Because some of you may not know Harry, I would like to tell you a little about this outstanding Rhode Island citizen.

Harry Kizirian is the most decorated living veteran in Rhode Island. On Okinawa, he was severely wounded while leading an infantry assault. For his extraordinary heroism, Harry was awarded the Navy Cross, the Bronze Star with V Device for Valor, the Purple Heart with a Gold Star, and the Rhode Island Cross.

When Harry returned to the United States, he immediately went to work at the main post office in Providence where he had worked during high school to support his widowed mother. Displaying the same commitment and teamwork he showed on the frontlines at Okinawa, he worked his way up to an appointment as the Postmaster. He was confirmed by the U.S. Senate in 1961, and held the position of Postmaster for 25 years.

Throughout his career with the Postal Service, Harry also devoted much of his time to the community, serving on numerous boards and committees. Harry served on the board of directors for Butler Hospital, Big Brothers of Rhode Island, Rhode Island Blue Cross, the Rhode Island Heart and Lung Associations, and numerous others.

Harry and his wife, Hazel, also successfully raised a wonderful family.

They have five children: JoAnne, Thomas, Janice, Shakay, and Richard; four grandchildren: Rebecca, Thomas, Joseph, and Janice; and three step-grandsons: Dylan, Collin, and Matthew.

Harry has served his country in every capacity: in the military, as a civil servant, as a devoted husband and father, and as a loyal American. Harry Kizirian is a source of inspiration for the young and old, and he is a particularly cherished member of Rhode Island's proud and vibrant Armenian community.

This bill would commemorate his generosity and valor for future generations, and it would pay tribute to a remarkable gentleman who has given so much to his Nation, his community, and his family. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Harry Kizirian by supporting this bill.

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Miss COLLINS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I yield as much time as he may consume to the gentleman from Rhode Island [Mr. KENNEDY].

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 1606, a bill that will designate the main post office in Providence, RI, as the "Harry Kizirian Post Office."

Harry Kizirian is a shining example of someone who has fully realized the American Dream. A dedicated individual, Harry grew up in my own neighborhood of Mount Pleasant in Providence and worked hard to support his widowed mother.

As a high school graduate, Harry enlisted in the Marine Corps and served in the South Pacific, where he would lead a Marine fire team to victory despite sustaining multiple gunshot wounds. For this selfless heroism, Harry was awarded the Navy Cross, the Bronze Star with a device for Valor, the Purple Heart with a Gold Star, and the Rhode Island Cross.

Harry's service to our country did not end with the Allied Victory in World War II. For the next 35 years, Harry would demonstrate the same commitment to duty and service at the Post Office in Providence as he did during his days in Okinawa. In 1961, the honor and respect that Harry had earned from, not only his colleagues, but also the people of Rhode Island, reached a pinnacle as Harry was confirmed by the Senate as Postmaster.

During his tenure as Postmaster, Harry went well beyond his required duties and served many important social causes. As a leading member of the Big Brothers of Rhode Island, the Providence Human Relations Commission and the Providence Heritage Commission, Harry demonstrated his high regard for his friends and citizens of his community.

Perhaps Harry's greatest achievement is shared with his wife Hazel as they have successfully raised five children, who now have several children of their own, Shakay and Richard. When asked about all his achievements,

Harry humbly responded: "I'm just an ordinary American boy who loves dealing with people from all walks of life."

In my opinion, Harry Kizirian is anything but ordinary. Raised with a strong Armenian heritage, Harry is a living tribute to his family, his friends, and his country.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand with my colleague, JACK REED, to offer this bill which will honor Harry Kizirian's commitment and generosity for generations to come.

Miss COLLINS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. RIGGS). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York [Mr. MCHUGH], that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1606.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 1606, the bill just considered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

#### WINFIELD SCOTT STRATTON POST OFFICE

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1026) to designate the U.S. Post Office building located at 201 East Pikes Peak Avenue in Colorado Springs, CO, as the "Winfield Scott Stratton Post Office."

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1026

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

The United States Post Office building located at 201 East Pikes Peak Avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado, shall be known and designated as the "Winfield Scott Stratton Post Office."

#### SEC. 2 REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the building referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Winfield Scott Stratton Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York [Mr. MCHUGH] will be recognized for 20 minutes, and the gentleman from Michigan [Miss COLLINS] will be recognized for 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York [Mr. MCHUGH].

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to report that the legislation before us, H.R. 1026, was approved unanimously by the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. This legislation, designating the U.S. Post Office located at 201 East Pikes Peak Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO, be named the "Winfield Scott Stratton Post Office," was introduced by the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. HEFLEY], and was cosponsored by his full State Delegation, as required by committee policy.

H.R. 1026 honors the late Mr. Stratton, a Colorado Springs philanthropist and benefactor. Mr. Stratton was one of many adventurers who came to Colorado seeking their fortune. He literally struck gold in discovering a rich deposit in the mines of Cripple Creek, CO.

Mr. Stratton believed it was the duty of the fortunate to use their wealth in the development of their community. In keeping with this personal philosophy, he dedicated the rest of his life to helping others less fortunate and to advancing the development of Colorado Springs and Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, I support the passage of H.R. 1026 and urge our colleagues to do the same.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. HEFLEY].

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to first thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. CLINGER] the chairman of the full committee, and the gentleman from New York [Mr. MCHUGH], chairman of the Subcommittee on the Postal Service, for allowing H.R. 1026 to be brought up on the Suspension Calendar today. I think it is a fitting tribute to a man who gave so much to Colorado, and particularly to the area of Colorado that I am fortunate enough to represent.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1026, which as has been indicated, will designate the U.S. Post Office building located at 201 Pikes Peak Avenue in Colorado Springs, CO, as the "Winfield Scott Stratton Post Office."

Working as a carpenter and as a prospector, Mr. Stratton became wealthy after finding gold in Cripple Creek, CO. His sudden wealth allowed him to pursue life's pleasures any way that he would like to do it, but instead he spent much of his life and much of his fortune helping those that were less fortunate. In addition to helping the needy, he also played an integral part in the development of Colorado Springs as a community by providing money for a city hall, a new courthouse, the streetcar system, and perhaps his most generous, important contribution that he made was the Myron Stratton Home, which was a foster home for children and for impoverished elderly.

Mr. Speaker, it still exists today. It is an interesting concept in that they had children who did not have parents.